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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Message is authorized to announce the following as candidates for County Office, subject to the Democratic Primary, August, 1918.

For Prosecuting Attorney—R. D. RODGERS.

For Collector—E. J. SIMS, JOE D. BEATTY, OMER DICKERSON, THOMAS P. NOEL, L. A. HARRIS, C. P. ARNOLD, T. J. KILSO, EDWARD MACHIN.

For Probate Judge—H. P. WARDEN, E. A. SHANNON.

For County Recorder—D. E. WOODWORTH, Thompson, R. F. D. I., NETTIE M. STEPHENS.

For County Clerk—ROSS B. CAUTHORN.

For Circuit Clerk—EPPA F. ELLIOTT.

For Representative—D. M. SLOAKER, W. W. BOTTES, EDWIN C. WATERS.

For Presiding Justice—S. C. GROVES.

For Judge Western District—GEORGE A. POLLARD.

Next week will be "Clean-up-week" in Mexico. Let's go to it. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

The Missouri mule is kicking against the gutter, too. A dispatch says that "Missouri mules quit the Hun Army in disgust."

J. W. Buffington has been appointed Assistant Prosecuting Atty. of this county. Buffington is all right, a careful student and a good lawyer.

And L. Roy Ferris is going to write a book. His "Tommie Tomkins" stories will be a winner. The Message helped Roy Ferris to find himself, from the literary standpoint.

Henry Stone of Centralia shows the grade of patriotism that pleases us. Read the article on another page of The Message, "Hoover Gets a Letter."

The Message is against the principle of lodging small boys guilty of infractions of the law with hardened sinners in the county jails. The time is coming when the public will make provision against such a thing.

The Allied troops and the Americans have been making the Huns "git" on several fronts these last few days. That story of the machine gun found in a tree and operated by Americans by a pulley, is a brilliant idea. The Sammys are inventives.

Hon. Joseph Wingate Folk, candidate for the U. S. Senate, is to make a speech in Mexico the evening of July 1st. Mr. Folk is a great Missourian and has many followers in this county. He should have a large hearing when he comes to Mexico.

The \$22,000 addition to the Mexico Shoe Factory is about completed. It will increase the output of the factory to about 3,000 pairs of shoes a day. One hundred more people will be employed. The Shoe Factory is one of Mexico's greatest assets.

John Burgess of Mexico favored an orphan boy, Albert Farris, on the farm, two or three years ago, and last year said boy joined the army. Lately he insured his life—if he never gets back from overseas—and had the policy drawn in favor of Mr. Burgess. It is for \$5,000. Mr. Burgess says he doesn't want any money that way. He is hoping and praying that that boy may be able to march with the Sammys to Berlin to assist in hanging the Kaiser, and then may be returned home unscathed. It would be a happy reunion for both Burgess and the boy. It is fine, however, to have a kindness remembered.

# War News

## FLEEING FORCES NEAR COLLAPSE.

The war office announces the evacuation of Montella and the right bank of the Piave River by the Austrian Troops.

The defeat of the Austrian armies on the western bank of the Piave River is complete. Admission is made by the Austrian War Office that its troops have been forced to evacuate Montella Plateau, over which they had hoped to gain the Venetian plains, and "some sectors" of the positions they attained last week on the bank of the river between the plateau and the point where the stream empties into the Adriatic.

Bad weather and the rising of the Piave under heavy rainfalls are assigned as the reasons for the withdrawal. But the Rome War Office asserts that it was the impetuous attacks of the Italians that brought about the failure of an operation which was started with the intention of crushing the armies of General Diaz and forcing the Italians, like the Russians, to accept a Teutonic allied peace.

The enemy losses are enormous. All along the river the Italians have pressed back the invaders until only small units remain on the western bank. Across the stream Victor Emmanuel's men are well on the heels of the retreating enemy, who is fleeing in disorder. Again the cavalry has been thrown into the fighting and is harassing the enemy, while machine guns from the ground and from aircraft, some of the latter operated by American aviators, are working havoc among the fleeing Austrian columns.

Losses to the enemy are described as enormous both in men killed, wounded or made prisoner. Official statement from Rome to Italian embassy in Washington asserts that the Austrians have lost 45,000 men in prisoners alone.

## FIND MACHINE GUN HIDDEN UP A TREE.

American troops on the Marne front captured the northwestern part of Belleau Wood. The Americans cleared this position of all Germans, captured men and took five machine guns.

Americans are now in complete possession of the woods. The attack was begun with a heavy barrage after which the Americans went over immediately and smoked out the Germans whose positions were regarded as almost impregnable.

One machine gun found in a tree was operated by a pulley.

The operation lasted only half an hour. It is taken to testify further to the thoroughness of American methods and our determination to succeed in any undertaking. The whole affair was operated by a pulley.

fair was brilliantly conceived and brilliantly carried out.

**AMERICANS IMPROVE LINES.**  
Washington, D.C., June 24.—Further improvement of American positions northwest of Chateau Thierry is noted in Gen. Pershing's communiqué at the War Department. Artillery activity and the repulse of an enemy raid in the Vosges are also reported.

**AMERICANS MISSING.**  
American troops, who have been in front line east of St. Die, in the Vosges since the first week of June, had an encounter with Germans who raided the trenches. Two Americans are missing. The Germans also carried out a raid in the Baccarat sector, and some of the Americans are missing.

## "MISSOURI'S JOAN OF ARC" WILL SPEAK IN MEXICO JULY FOURTH

Miss Matilda Dallmeyer of Jefferson City, known as "Missouri's Joan of Arc," will be the principal afternoon speaker at the Fourth of July celebration, here. An army officer, who has seen service in France, will be the speaker of the evening.

The remainder of the program for Independence Day has been announced as follows by the committee in charge:

10 A. M.—Parade by twenty marines and twenty bluejackets.  
2:30 P. M.—Miss Matilda Dallmeyer, the Joan of Arc of Missouri.  
3:30 P. M.—Base ball, Vandalia vs. Mexico.  
7 P. M.—Address by Army officer.  
8 P. M.—Pageant.  
9 P. M.—Dance for War Activities.  
Water sports both in the afternoon and evening will be features of the program.

Champ Clark have no opposition in this district at his return to Congress. No opposition in the Democratic ranks, no candidate by the Republicans. Politics stands adjourned. Patriotic impulses have the control. That is fine, fine. Clark is absolutely all right, and every Missourian, with any State pride, knows it. Return him to Congress and keep him as Speaker. He'll come up to the country's help as long as this troublous and awful war is upon us.

Miss Mary Barks is home from a visit to Columbia friends.

**WARNING.**  
Hunters, fishers and trespassers. On account of losing stock and having property destroyed, we hereby warn you to keep off of our farms.  
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J. R. SNOOK.

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## THIRTY-FIVE MORE GO AFTER THE KAISER.

This county sent 23 more men into army training Tuesday of this week. They go to Camp Pike, Ark. The original allotment was 22, all from Class I, but Louis E. Ladd, who registered in Dakota, was transferred here. The following were in the party:

Harry E. Cassidy, Laddonia.  
Frank M. Johnston, Centralia.  
Emil R. Grainge, Laddonia.  
Luke R. Edwards, Mexico.  
Vernie W. Payton, Rush Hill.  
Oliver B. Nichols, Mexico.  
Everett R. Kilbourn, Centralia.  
Arthur W. Helwig, Mexico.  
David S. Herron, Mexico.  
John W. Pate, Laddonia.  
George R. Dubray, Laddonia.  
Henry F. Munsterman, Urlick, Mo.  
Clabe E. Andrews, Laddonia.  
Richard C. Jones, Centralia.  
Perry L. Hoover, Benton City.  
Willard Slits, Thompson.  
John Yuss, Newton, Iowa.  
William T. Spotswood, Mexico.  
Albert E. Adams, Mexico.  
Churchill K. Sims, Mexico.  
Turner J. Lewis, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett's baby got hold of some "Gets-it" poison, Sunday evening and swallowed a small quantity of it. Medical aid was summoned in time.

R. D. Rodgers is rustivating at Excelsior Springs.

## MR. FOLK TO SPEAK.

Dear Editor:  
Please announce in this week's issue of your paper that Hon. Joseph W. Folk will deliver an address in Mexico at 8 p. m., July 1st.

Very truly,

W. G. WARNER, Ch. Publicity.  
St. Louis, Mo.

## LANDED IN FRANCE.

Roy Bryarly and Charles Myers, both of Mexico, and Robert Walter, of near Rush Hill, notify relatives here of their safe landing overseas in France.

The Message has heard of a man in this county who has 15 sacks of flour stored in his house. This is contrary to law, unpatriotic and an aid to the Huns. The Food Administration is unto you. You better haul that flour back to town before you land in serious trouble.

Sheriff J. G. Ford auctioned off an egg on the Public Square Saturday which finally brought, all told, \$17.17. Wm. Mollett of Rush Hill was the first bidder. The \$17.17 was turned over to the Red Cross.

Miss Ellen Machin arrived home this week from a visit to her brother, John Machin, who is at Camp Dodge, Iowa. John is a non-commissioned man, but he is training the new arrival soldiers in the first lessons of army tactics.

## Farm and Live Stock

Put sheep on your farm. Raise lambs instead of dogs.

E. R. Taft of Mexico is harvesting 80 acres of wheat near Farber.

M. A. Brown harvested 60 acres of fine wheat last week. His yield will be heavy.

Egbert Sims says it is 95 acres of corn he is cultivating, not 955 acres as reported. Egbert says a fellow has to have good help with even 95 acres if he does the work as "intensive" and thoro as it should be done.

W. I. Britt, near Rush Hill, put 40 acres of wheat in the shock last week. Outside help is short, and he and his family did all the work. He thinks his yield may go as high as 25 bushels an acre. Mr. Britt is one of the most successful farmers in the county.

Clarence Gray, near Molino, harvested 40 acres of wheat, he expects a record yield.

## Summer Excursions

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Dora Thorne, Stephen Thorne's daughter . . . . . Mrs. Victor Wayne  
Lionel Datre, Ronald Earle's cousin . . . . . Halbert Dodds  
Valentine Charteris, heiress . . . . . Elizabeth Dillard  
Ronald Earle, Lord Earle's son . . . . . Egbert Miller  
Lord Earl of Earls court . . . . . Marcellus Threlkeld  
Lady Helena, his wife . . . . . Eunice Threlkeld  
Lillian Earl, child . . . . . Laurine Miller  
Roland Earle's daughter, young lady . . . . . Nellie Booth  
Lord Alric, Lillian's suitor . . . . . Ray Harrison  
Hugh Ferny, a sailor . . . . . Cecil Crews  
Bridget, Irish servant . . . . . Gertrude Crews

### SYNOPSIS:

ACT I. Scene 1—Home of Stephen Thorne—Ralph Holt seeks the hand of Dora; Ronald Earl wins her love and her father's consent.

Scene 2—Earls court Park—Valentine and Roland; Lord Earl to his son: "You preferred your Dora to me. Take her and go." Dora: "Yes, Ronald, yours until death do us part."

ACT II. Five years later in Roland's studio at Florence. Dora: "Did I do you wrong again? Oh, Ronald, I am so sorry." Dora becomes suspicious. Conceals herself and listens to conversation between her husband and Valentine. The parting: "I leave you with all you love in this world. I take all I love with me."

ACT III. Scene 1—Twelve years later at Earls court. The Ball—Ronald and his mother—"Sometimes a mightier voice will call you, then you will obey."—The Lovers—A Letter—Lillian in despair. "Yes, heaven will watch over you and so will Dora Thorne."

Scene 2—The Lake—Dora and Hugh Ferny—"Give her up; on my knees I beg of you." Hugh to Lillian: "No, no, do not tempt me." Rescued.

ACT IV. Drawing Room—Lionel proposes and is accepted—Ronald and Lionel. Hugh Ferny's confession: "Lionel, my sins have found me out."—Lord Earl, let me advise you for the last time.—"Mother, she has forgiven me. She is my own again, my comfort in sorrow, my wife."

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